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Letter attached as well as pasted below.
Thank you.

From: Ximena Waissbluth
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Re: MPA Comment

27 January 2006

Chair Philip Isenberg and
Members of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 9th Street #1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair and Members of the BRTF,

I have been a California resident for fourteen years, a homeowner on the central coast for eight years, a professor of English at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and of Business Communications at California State University Monterey Bay for ten years. In all this time I recall writing only one letter of support for a legislative/political action; this is my second. I feel compelled to do so because I have come to realize that there is nothing more vital than protecting one of our most precious resources on this planet: the ocean ! and its vast holdings.

Through websites, community meetings, and discussions with informed neighbors I have familiarized myself with the various Packages: 1,2,3 and AC. I write in particular support of either Package #2 or AC- as these offer the most effective, meaningful and strategically placed networks of Marine Reserves. They propose the greatest habitat and marine life protection, yet appear fair to the fishers as much of the coast is left open to fishing.

Your hard work, and California's subsequent creation of meaningful Marine Reserves could, and should, serve as a model for other states and perhaps countries. From a biological and scientific perspective, a long-term business perspective, and an environmental justice perspective- I urge you to set the standards high.

Thank you for your incredibly diligent work on this important matter, and thank you for your openness to public opinion. From "the word on the streets," I feel! this letter represents the views of a great number of people.

Sincerely,
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